

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2007

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 9th day of January 2007 in the City Council Chambers in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meetings December 12th and 29th) and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion that the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings be waived and that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved as proposed in writing. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked for a motion to pay all current bills. Mr. Ray made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Lance Trousdale, Director of the Ambulance Service gave his report. Mr. Trousdale thanked Becky and Chris James for helping him out during his foot surgery. Mr. Trousdale stated that the income for the month was \$25,300.00. He stated that December was a slow month on runs. He stated that for FY 2007 the Ambulance Service should make around 250-300 runs. He stated that Mary Mercer from Fairfield had joined the Ambulance Service. Ms. Mercer is an Intermediate and she will be able to do some of the instruction of classes also. Mr. Trousdale stated that they had picked up another Basic EMT with Jayme Garrett joining the Ambulance Service. Mr. Trousdale stated that the Ambulance Service was not able to make at least 100 runs which would have averaged around \$40,000.00 because of low staff. Mr. Trousdale stated that with these additions it would allow him to have more crews and two ambulances on the road. Mr. Ray complimented Mr. Trousdale and stated that it was great to have that kind of income being received each month by the County.

Mr. Ray stated that Sheriff Maier was called out on a detail and he would give the jail report. Mr. Ray stated that the jail was currently housing 68. The revenue for December was \$56,677.00 and the expenditures were \$59,734.00.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next 9-1-1 Meeting would be held on Monday, January 15th and 6:00 p.m. Chairman Wooten asked Mr. Trousdale if they could use the Lounge of the Ambulance Service for their meeting and he stated it would be available. Mr. Wooten asked Mr. Trousdale to speak to Julie Irwin the next day about arranging the meeting there. Mr. Trousdale stated that he would speak to Ms. Irwin the next morning.

Chairman Wooten stated that it was nice to see the new Supervisor of Assessments at the meeting.

Mrs. Jo Ellen Seil, the economic developer for the White County Economic Development Group, spoke to the Board about tax increment financing districts. Mrs. Seil explained to the Board that the City of Carmi and the City of Grayville both may be interested in creating one or more tax increment financing districts. The districts would be active for a period of 23 years. Mrs. Seil explained that there are certain criteria that a piece of property would have to meet before it could be placed inside the district. She stated that the areas looked at were blighted areas and they had to meet at least five of the 13 criteria before being accepted. She stated that the cities would have to hire a consultant to look at each of the proposed properties and that would cost around \$25,000.00. Once the property is accepted and the district is formed any increase in the equalized assessed valuation and the taxes produced from that increase would go into the tax increment financing district. The tax increment financing district would be able to save those dollars to provide utilities, infrastructure etc. to new developments and eventually would not have to pay for those improvements out of their regular operating budgets. Mrs. Seil explained that the tax increment financing district was another tool that areas could use for economic development. Chairman Wooten asked if a business owner could be inside the enterprise zone and a tax increment financing district and Mrs. Seil replied that yes that individual could fill out applications for both but he would only be entitled to the sales tax exemption in the enterprise zone and not the real estate tax abatement. Clerk Dozier asked if a business was entitled to be in the tax increment financing district for a total of 23 years or did it work like the enterprise zone and only good for 10

years? Mrs. Seil stated that she was not sure but she thought that the taxing districts when adopting their resolutions could limit the years that a parcel could be in the TIF district, but she would have to check into that in further detail.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was Dave Zahler to speak to the Board about a deferred compensation plan. Chairman Wooten stated that Mr. Zahler was not there and that item should be tabled.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to consider the following resolution to pay the County Engineer's salary from Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of White County, Illinois, in a special session convened in the Court House in the City of Carmi, Illinois, on January 9, 2007, that there be and there is hereby appropriated from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund of White County, Illinois, the sum of Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty five and 12/100 (\$80,235.12) the salary of the County Engineer from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Call for Aye and/or Nay Vote:

Wayne Nelson:	Aye
Mike Ray	Aye
Nancy Mitchell:	Aye

Wes Trout:	Aye
Ron Wooten:	Aye

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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WHITE COUNTY)

I, Paula Dozier, Clerk of the County Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the County Board within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution passed by the County Board of White County, Illinois, at Carmi, Illinois, held on the 9th day of January, A.D., 2007.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 9th day of January, A.D., 2007.

Paula Dozier, County Clerk & Ex- Officio
Clerk of the County Board of White Co., IL.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to pay the County Engineer's salary from Motor Fuel Funds, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider an engagement letter from Botsch and Associates to perform the 2006 Audit in the amount of \$24,000.00. Mr. Nelson made a motion to hire Botsch and Associates to audit the 2006 fiscal year in the amount of \$24,000.00. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to consider the annual resolution of support for the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission and to appropriate funds to pay for the County's share of participation in the Commission.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County Board of White County wishes to authorize submission of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Basic Planning Grant to the Economic Development Administration and the commitment of local matching funds, and,

WHEREAS, the seven county region of the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, comprised of Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White Counties, has been designated as an Economic Development District, and

WHEREAS, the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission desires financial assistance from the Economic Development Administration for the purpose of planning and implementing programs to stimulate economic development through a multi-county effort of Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White Counties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of White County authorizes the submission of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and an application to the Economic Development Administration to continue the economic development planning process in the Greater Wabash Economic Development District. Also, be it resolved that the County Board of White county authorizes and commits matching funds in the amount of five thousand seventy dollars (\$5,070.00).

Dated this 9th day of January 2007.

Ron Wooten
Chairman

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier
White County Clerk

Mrs. Mitchell stated that the Planning Commission was a great agency and she would make a motion to adopt the resolution of support for the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission, seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to consider the following resolution for the County's participation in the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor's Service.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor was created to provide services to State's Attorneys in Judicial Districts containing less than 3,000,000 inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, the powers and duties of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor are defined and enumerated in the "State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act", 725 ILCS 210/1 et. Seq., as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly appropriates monies for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, one-third from the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's County Fund and two-thirds from the General Revenue Fund, provided that such funding receives county approval and support from within the respective Judicial districts eligible to apply; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall administer the operation of the appellate offices so as to insure that all participating State's Attorneys continue to have final authority in preparation, filing, and arguing of all appellate briefs and any trial assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and the Illinois General Assembly have reviewed and approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2007, which funds will provide for the continued operation of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the White County Board, in regular session, this 9th day of January 2007, does hereby support the continued operation of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and designates the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor as its Agent to administer the operation of the appellate offices and process said appellate court cases for this County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorneys employed by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor are hereby authorized to act as Assistant State's Attorneys on behalf of the State's Attorneys of this county in the appeal of all cases, when requested to do so by the State's Attorney, and with the advice and consent of the State's Attorney prepare, file, and argue appellate briefs for those cases; and also, as may be requested by the State's Attorney, to assist in the prosecution of cases under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act and the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act. Such attorneys are further authorized to assist the State's Attorney in the State's Attorney's duties under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act, including negotiations thereunder, as well as in the trial and appeal of tax objections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorneys employed by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor may also assist State's Attorneys of this County in the discharge of the State's Attorneys duties in the prosecution and trial of other cases, and may act as Special Prosecutor if duly appointed to do so by a court having jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White County Board hereby agrees to participate in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2007, commencing December 1, 2006, and ending November 30, 2007, by hereby appropriating the sum of \$7,000.00 as consideration for the express purpose of providing a portion of the funds required for financing the operation of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and agrees to deliver the same to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor on request during the Fiscal Year 2007

Passed and adopted by the County Board of White County, Illinois, this 9th day of January 2007.

Ron Wooten
Chairman

Attest:

Paula Dozier
County Clerk

Mr. Ray made a motion to adopt the resolution for White County to participate in the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Service in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the year. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the appointment of Mike Duckworth as Commissioner to the Mud Creek Drainage District for a term beginning the first Tuesday in September 2006 and ending the first Tuesday in September 2009. Mr. Nelson made a motion to appoint Mike Duckworth to the Mud Creek Drainage District, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the Board would need a brief Executive Session to discuss personnel in the Highway Department and possible litigation at the Highway Department and contract negotiations with the FOP. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to consider the following resolution to submit names to the Illinois Department of

Transportation to take the examination for County Engineer.

Resolution Certifying Names to Take the Examination for County Engineer

WHEREAS, a vacancy will exist in the office of County engineer in White County, Illinois due to the resignation of the incumbent county engineer Jack Bosaw which will occur on February 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5-201 of the Illinois Highway Code, the County Board must certify to The Department a list of not more than five persons, residents of the State, who hold a currently valid certificate of registration as a registered professional engineer in Illinois, who are candidates for the office, and who meet the qualifications provided therein;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of White County does hereby submit the following names as a candidate to take the examination for County Engineer of said County:

George David Shepard	509 Greenbriar Road	Carterville, IL. 62918
Registered Professional Engineer - Certificate No.	062-058411	

Brian Ray	409 E. Patterson	Norris City, IL. 62869
Registered Professional Engineer – Certificate NO.	062-058778	

Kevin Phillips	1020 Main Street	Mt. Vernon, IL. 62864
Registered Professional Engineer – Certificate No.	062-047293	

And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two (2) certified copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, through its Regional Engineer's office Carbondale, Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF WHITE)

I, PAULA DOZIER, County Clerk in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, and keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by statute, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the White County Board at its special meeting held at Carmi, on January 9, 2007.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at my office in Carmi in said County this 9th day of January, 2007.

Paula Dozier
White County Clerk

Mr. Nelson made a motion to adopt a resolution certifying names for testing for County Engineer to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Motion seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Ray abstaining.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.